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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2006. Claims 1-19 were originally filed, claim 2 has been cancelled, and therefore, claims 1 and 3-19 are the claims which remain pending for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Also enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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